

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Monday, January 6, 1997

The 1997 Hilltown Township Reorganization Meeting began at 7:30PM. Supervisor Bennett announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on Monday, December 30, 1996 in order to discuss the year end financials.

A. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor William H. Bennett, Jr. as Temporary Chairperson.

B. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY: Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Lynda Seimes as Temporary Secretary.

C. CALL TO ORDER: The Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 1997 was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Supervisor William H. Bennett, Jr., Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington, Supervisor Jack C. Fox, Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager, and Lynda Seimes, Township Secretary.

D. OFFICER ELECTIONS: Nominations were made for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Township Secretary, and Township Treasurer.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox to appoint Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington, as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 1997. There was no second to the motion.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor William H. Bennett, Jr. as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 1997.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 1997.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Lynda Seimes as Township Secretary for 1997.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Lorraine Leslie as Township Treasurer for 1997.

E. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: The following motions were made by the Board of Supervisors for the positions as stated:

1. Township Manager - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Township Manager for 1997.

2. Chief of Police - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. George C. Egly, Jr. as Chief of Police for 1997.

3. Director of Public Safety - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. George C. Egly, Jr. as Director of Public Safety for 1997.

4. Director of Public Works - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Thomas A. Buzby as Director of Public Works for 1997.

5. Township Code Enforcement Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Michael Gardner of East Rockhill Township as Code Enforcement Officer for 1997.

6. Assistant Code Enforcement Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for 1997.

7. Zoning Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Zoning Officer for 1997.

F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

1. Township Solicitor - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington and seconded by Chairman Bennett to appoint Grabowski Associates as represented by Mr. Francis X. Grabowski as Township Solicitor for 1997. Supervisor Fox was opposed. Motion passed: 2:1:0.

2. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Trauger of Grim, Biehn, Thatcher and Helf as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 1997.

3. Township Engineer - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. C. Robert Wynn as Township Engineer for 1997.

4. Township Certified Public Accountant - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint the firm of Niessen, Dunlap and Pritchard as Township Certified Public Accountant for 1997.

5. Township Depository - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Union National Bank and Trust Company as Township Depository for 1997.

G. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

1. Planning Commission - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to reappoint Mr. Kenneth S. Beer to a 5 year term on the Planning Commission.

2. Zoning Hearing Board - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox to reappoint Mr. John Snyder to a 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, with the following comments:

Supervisor Fox has been a critic of most of the Zoning Hearing Board decisions for many years, because he feels they go against the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance and therefore, do not follow the law. Had the Board of Supervisors taken a stand for the Zoning Ordinance by notifying members of the Zoning Hearing Board that their decisions were not following the Ordinance, Supervisor Fox believes it would have stopped. Since the Supervisors do not care whether the Ordinances are followed, Supervisor Fox agreed to reappoint Mr. Snyder to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Supervisor Bennington agreed to second the motion to reappoint Mr. John Snyder to a 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, however he refused to second the comments made against the Board of Supervisors by Supervisor Fox. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Water and Sewer Authority - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to reappoint Mr. Raymond Weidner to a 5 year term on the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority.

4. Vacancy Board - Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to reappoint Mr. Feryl Spaninger to a one year term on the Vacancy Board.

H. RECOMMENDATION OF TREASURER'S BOND LIMIT - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Bond Limit of \$750,000.00 for 1997.

I. EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION TO PENSION FUND: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-1, resolving that Hilltown Township will not require any pension contributions from the Hilltown Township Police for the year 1997 and to adopt Resolution #97-2, resolving that Hilltown Township will not require any pension contributions from the Non-Uniform Employees for the year 1997.

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES FOR 1997 - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-3, accepting the Board of Supervisors meetings dates for the year 1997, with one revision due to the PSATS Convention in April, the regularly scheduled meeting for April will be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 1997.

K. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 1997 - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-4, accepting the Planning Commission meeting dates for the year 1997, including regular and worksession meetings, with the changes as noted.

L. NON-UNIFORM HOLIDAYS FOR 1997 - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-5, establishing the following holidays for 1997:

Wednesday, January 1	New Years Day
Friday, March 28	Good Friday
Tuesday, May 20	Primary Election Day
Friday, May 23	Friday before Memorial Day
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Tuesday, November 4	Election Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28	Day After Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day
Friday, December 26	Floating Holiday

M. ADOPTION OF THE 1997 FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING, ZONING AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-6, establishing a fee schedule for building, zoning and miscellaneous items for 1997, with two revisions including the B.O.C.A. Code Hearing and Condition Use Hearing charges.

N. ADOPTION OF 1997 TAX RATES - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-7, establishing Tax Rates of the 1997 year, which are as follows:

Real Estate	9 Mills
Earned Income	1/2%
Per Capita	\$10.00
Real Estate Transfer	1/2%
Amusement Tax	10%
Fire Protection Tax	3 Mills
Occupation Priv. Tax	\$5.00
Debt Service	6 Mills
Fire Hydrant Tax	Special Assessment
Street Light Tax	Special Assessment

O. ADOPTION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #97-8, accepting and authorizing the 1997 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$300,000.00.

P. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to allow the attendance of Mr. Bruce Horrocks, Mr. Thomas Buzby, and Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at the State Convention in Hershey, Penna. in April of 1997, with Chairman Bennett being designated the voting delegate from Hilltown Township.

Q. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of December 31, 1996:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 169,478.71
Payroll Checking Account	\$ 458.91
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 72.23
Debt Service Investment Checking Account	\$ 67,716.88
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 84,522.01
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 154,274.27

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 1996, subject to audit.

R. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. Mr. Horrocks presented a series of ten escrow releases for the Board's approval this evening:

Bearings and Drives Unlimited	Voucher #01	\$	107.69
Bricks Villa Phase I	Voucher #26	\$	2,800.00
Country Rds. Phases III & IV	Voucher #11	\$	34,295.00
Country Rds. Phases III & IV	Voucher #12	\$	3,500.00
Hilltown Crossings Outparcel	Voucher #02	\$	188.57
Hilltown Hunt Subdivision	Voucher #22	\$	769.49
Off-the-Wall	Voucher #3A	\$	265.46
Sara Nickel Land Development	Voucher #1A	\$	183.01
Schade Tract	Voucher #8A	\$	183.54
TelVil Corporation	Voucher #2A	\$	179.74

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to release the ten escrows as noted above.

2. At the last meeting, the Board suggested a possible change to the Confirmed Appointment section of the agenda. Mr. Horrocks has supplied a suggested revision for Supervisor approval.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to revise the Confirmed Appointment section of the agenda to allow for public comment at the completion of each confirmed appointment to allow an individual to comment at that time, rather than at the end of the meeting, and to permit 2 1/2 minutes of public comment at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. Mr. Horrocks presented a commitment letter from Union National Bank for the 1997 Tax Anticipation Note for the Board's signature following this meeting.

4. At the July meeting, the Supervisors increased personal vehicle mileage reimbursement rates from 30 cents to 31 cents for uniformed personnel only. The current mileage reimbursement rate for all other personnel, including Supervisors, remains at 25 cents per mile. Mr. Horrocks requested that the Board consider increasing the personal vehicle reimbursement rate to 31 cents per mile for all Township personnel, which is the State recommended rate.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to increase the personal vehicle reimbursement rate to 31 cents per mile for all Township personnel.

5. The Hilltown Police Department has been awarded a grant for further hiring of three additional full-time officers. Chief

Egly had recommended that the Board authorize a search for one more full-time police officer.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington to hire one more full-time police officer to be funded for three years by the COPS Program.

Supervisor Fox does not believe it is necessary to hire an additional officer since the Township has hired two this past year. An officer will be retiring this year, and Supervisor Fox feels the officer who replaces the retiring officer will be able to work on patrol as of July.

Chairman Bennett seconded Supervisor Bennington's motion, stating the police department has been doing a better job of keeping costs under control. Supervisor Fox was opposed. Motion passed: 2:1:0.

6. Mr. Horrocks requested Board authorization to execute new agreements for investment of funds with Union National Bank for 1997.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Horrocks to execute new agreements for investment of funds with Union National Bank.

7. Bucks County is in the midst of changing their County Liquid Fuels Allocation, and as such, the Township will be receiving only the 90% No Strings Option for 1997. The 1998 amount will be 50% of the current amount the Township received, and after 1998, the Township will no longer receive County aid.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the 90% No Strings Option of Liquid Fuels allocation for 1997 and 1998.

S. CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. The Township is in receipt of PennDot authorization to relocate the flashing stop ahead sign currently located on Diamond Street, to the northbound Callowhill and Hilltown Pike area. Further, Mr. Horrocks will be meeting with PennDot on Wednesday at the intersection of Callowhill Road and Rt. 113 to review easements.

2. Correspondence was received from Dr. Kish of Penridge School District inviting Township officials to attend a meeting on January 14, 1997 at 9:30AM. Mr. Horrocks will attend.

3. A Conditional Use Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at 7:30PM, to address a request by Sprint for a sublet from Comcast on the North Penn Water Authority tank.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of the Conditional Use Hearing as noted above.

T. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. George Egly asked who will be appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator for 1997. Chairman Bennett replied a decision on that appointment has been delayed until the January 27, 1997 meeting. If an emergency were to occur prior to January 27, 1997, contact should be made with the current Emergency Management Coordinator or the current Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.

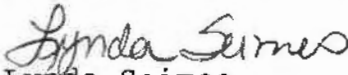
U. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to recommend that the Gliderport property (site #2) be the number one location for the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority to construct a water tank, making it incumbent upon the Gliderport membership to negotiate with the Authority in good faith for the site.

V. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

W. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously the January 6, 1997 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary